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### Mass

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8:00AM  
**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:00PM  
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### Eucharistic Adoration

**MONDAYS &  
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### Parish Directory

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, November 24, 2025**

**8am Janet Korecko (Pat & Hank Panek)**

**Tuesday, November 25, 2025**

**8am Katherine Breslin (Family)**

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025**

**8am Deceased Members of  
the Campbell &  
Breslin Families (Family)**

**Thursday, November 27, 2025— Thanksgiving Day**

**9am Stanley, Harriet &  
Richard Bonkowski  
(Rex & Deborah Burrows)  
(All Priests)**



**Friday, November 28, 2025**

**8am Patrice & Alex Adams  
(The Thomas Breslin Family)**

**Saturday, November 29, 2025**

**5:00pm Robert Simons (Greg & Sherry Simons)  
(Fr. Ryan Mann)**

**Sunday, November 30, 2025—First Sunday of Advent**

**7:30am Parishioners of St. Basil  
(Fr. Ryan Mann)**

**9am Rose Bianchi (Family) (Fr. Ryan Mann)**

**11am Elizabeth T. Bogatay (Lynne Wilson)  
(Fr. Jeffrey Liptak)**

**5pm Joseph Joseph (Family)  
(Fr. Jeffrey Liptak)**

## Offertory November 16, 2025

Regular weekly collection \$35,176.50

Monthly maintenance \$2,115.50

Thank you for your continued support!



## First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

**1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5**

**2nd Reading: Romans 13: 11-14**

**Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44**

*“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.”*

ADVENT

# UNDERSTANDING OUR UNIQUE DESIRES

*St. Basil Ladies Advent Retreat*

Dec. 6, 2025

9:00 am-12:00 pm

St. Basil Parish Center

Join Fr. Ryan and special guest internationally acclaimed speaker January Donovan, founder of The Woman School, for an Advent Retreat. During this retreat, we will enter our hearts to discover the deep desires God has placed there for our flourishing.



*Light breakfast and coffee will be available.*  
This event is free but registration is required. Register online by scanning the QR Code or visiting [basilthegreat.org/forms](https://basilthegreat.org/forms)



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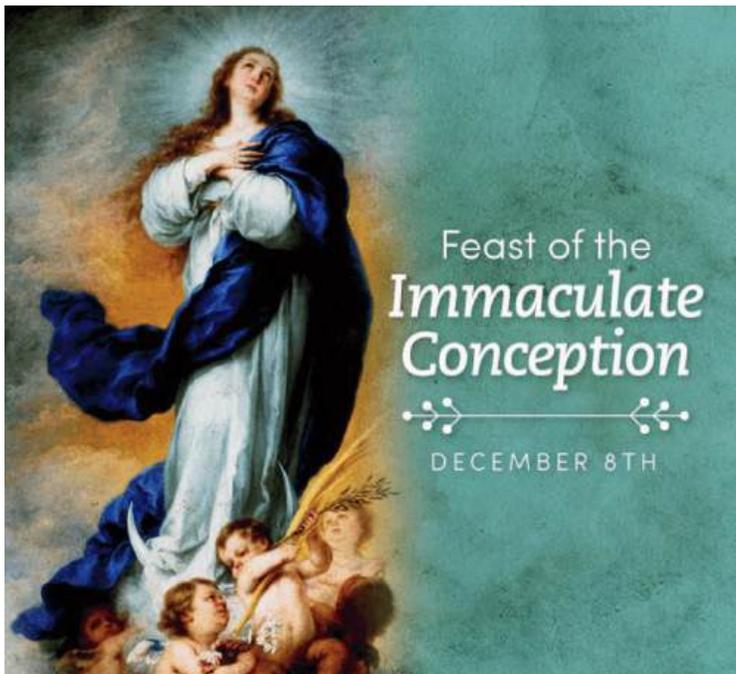
Join us for 9am mass Thursday,  
November 27th.  
After mass join us for Coffee & Donuts  
in the Parish Center.  
The Food Pantry Donations will be  
collected at that mass.  
The Parish Office will be closed  
Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
and Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>  
so our staff may enjoy time  
with their families.

# Eucharistic



# Adoration

*There will not be  
Eucharistic Adoration,  
Wednesday, November 26th.*



Feast of the  
**Immaculate  
Conception**

DECEMBER 8TH

The Immaculate Conception, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Mary was conceived naturally but God kept her soul *immaculate*, i.e. free from original sin. The official confirmation of the dogma was defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, although the belief that Mary was sinless and conceived free from sin is very old.

The Feast of Immaculate Conception is celebrated in the Catholic Church on **December 8<sup>th</sup>** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be celebrated on

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am and 7pm. There is no Vigil Mass this year.

*O Mary Conceived Without Sin, Pray for us who have recourse to you!*

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



### Help Support St. Catherine Food Pantry and St. Basil's St. Vincent de Paul This Thanksgiving

As we prepare to give thanks, our parish community is once again coming together to support the **St. Catherine Food Pantry** and **St. Basil's**

**St. Vincent de Paul**, both of which are responding to immediate needs among the **families they serve**. There are **two simple ways you can help**:

1. **Donate funds** — Write checks to **St. Basil** with “**To Those in Need**” noted on the memo line.
2. **Donate food** — Bring an **extra bag of nonperishable items** to the **Thanksgiving Mass** or drop them off in the **church vestibules** during the following week.

We're also looking for **volunteers to help deliver donations** to those in need on **Thanksgiving Day** — **SUVs and trucks are especially needed** to transport the food to the pantry.

If you can help drive, please **contact the parish office**.

Your generosity makes a real difference for families in need. Thank you for sharing your blessings and continuing our parish tradition of caring for others.

### *Social Concerns Commission*

The Social Concerns Commission wishes to extend its sincere thanks to all those who donated items for the Veterans Day collection. Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we needed to make two separate trips to the VA Hospital in Cleveland to take all of the donations.

Your generosity will help many of our veterans.





## St. Basil the Great Food Pantry Collection for November

**Join us on Thursday, November 27th**

**(Thanksgiving) for the 9am Mass. After Mass,  
enjoy coffee & donuts in the Parish Center.**

**The Food Pantry collection for the month of  
November will be at this Mass.**

**Please keep your donations in the pew with you.**

**We will ask you to bring them to the Sanctuary at the  
offertory. This is instead of our general collection on  
the last weekend of the month.**



**MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

High Protein Foods  
Non-perishable Foods  
Peanut Butter-Jelly  
Canned Tuna & Chicken  
**Breakfast Foods**  
Cereals (oatmeal, etc.)  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Breakfast Bars & Granola  
Juice & Juice Boxes

**LUNCH & DINNER FOODS**

Pasta & Canned Sauces  
Soup  
Canned Fruit & Vegetables  
Beef Stew  
Chili  
Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs  
Mac n Cheese  
Boxed Potatoes

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Cake Mixes  
Brownies & Muffin Mixes  
Cookies  
Fruit Snacks  
Fruit Cups & Pudding  
Baby Formula & Diapers  
Paper Towels  
Bath Tissues  
Paper Towels

**Drivers are Needed:**

**We are in need of drivers to help  
take the Thanksgiving food  
donations to the Pantry at E. 93<sup>rd</sup>  
and Union immediately following  
Mass. Please call the Parish  
Office at 440-526-1686 , and  
leave your name and phone  
number. Large cars, trucks or  
vans would be best. *Thank you!***



## 2025 Christmas Giving Tree

Please help bring Christmas to children  
and families in need!

We are starting our collection November 22nd  
to give our organizations sufficient time to deliver the  
donations before Christmas

To participate:

Please select a tag from one of the tables in the Gathering Area

Purchase the gift

Return the gift, unwrapped, to the Gathering Area

Please return all gift cards & checks to the Parish Office

Organizations we will be serving this year:

**Please make checks payable to the  
charitable organization.**

**Thank you!**

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Please deliver all gifts no later than

**12:00PM Sunday, December 7th**

Thank you for your continued  
generosity!

~ Social Concerns Commission  
Living the Gospel ~



Join us the Mondays of Advent for  
*Advent Evening Prayer*

**Mondays:**

**December 1st**

**December 15th**

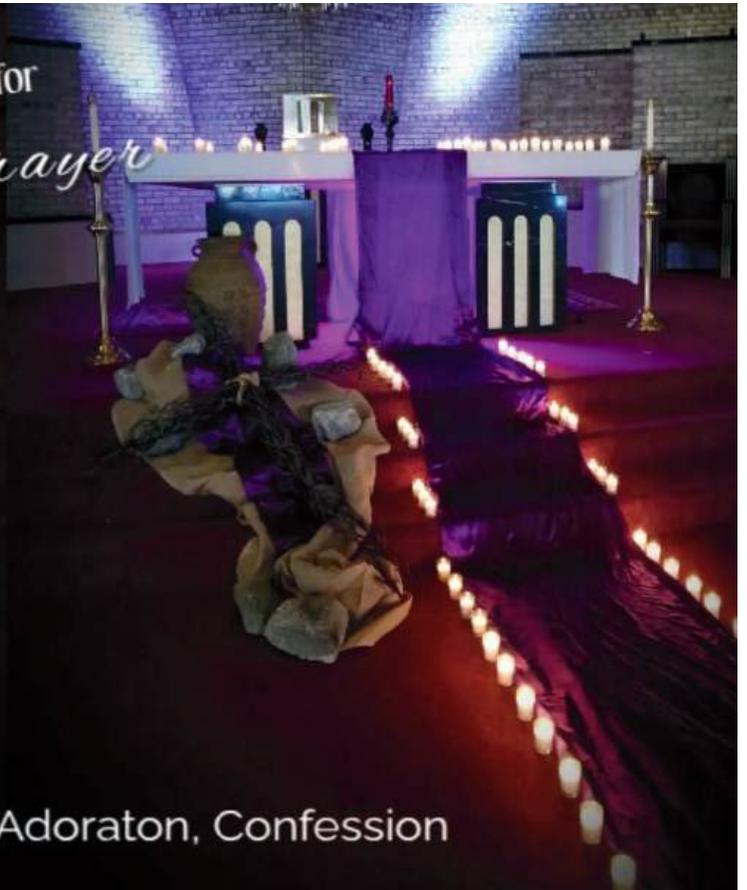
**December 22nd**

**@ 6:30 p.m.  
in the church**

No Evening Prayer on  
December 8th due to  
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# The \_\_\_\_\_ Family

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

*Reflect as a family on what you are thankful for, fill in the blanks, and pray this prayer at your Thanksgiving dinner!  
You can also pass the prayer around and have different family members lead different sections!*

Heavenly Father,

We gather together today with grateful hearts, thanking You for the beauty in our lives and countless blessings You have bestowed upon us. As we celebrate this Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect on Your goodness and mercy.

Lord, we thank You for the gift of family and friends. For the love, support, and joy that they bring to our lives. We are especially grateful for (write the names of all joining you for dinner):

We thank You for the gift of health, for the strength and vitality that allows us to enjoy each day. We are grateful for (write any health-related blessings):

We thank You for the food on our table and the roof over our heads and that you provide for us in all that we need. We are thankful for (write any specific material blessings):

We thank You for the gift of faith, for the gift of yourself in the Eucharist, and the small ways we see You every day. We are blessed by (write a way that each member sees God in their life):

Lord, we also remember those who are less fortunate. We pray that You may provide for their needs and bring them comfort and hope. As we share this meal, may our hearts be filled with gratitude and our lives be a reflection of Your love. In Jesus' name, we pray.  
Amen.



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# Senior Christmas

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Join us for Sandwich Saturday!  
 9:00-10:00 am in the Parish Center  
 Spread the love!



**Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays**  
 December 13  
 January 17  
 February 14

**Bring peanut butter and jelly, bread, bag of fruit, sandwich baggies, and a breakfast treat to share. Sandwiches are taken to local shelters to help those in need.**



**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:**

Our Cancer Support Group welcomes all who have been touched by cancer in some way. Patients, survivors, loved ones, caregivers- whatever your journey. This group is formed to give those in need the support, strength, faith and hope to move forward together, rather than on your own.

**What:** Cancer Support Group  
**When:** Third Thursday of each month 6:30 pm  
**Next meeting:** November 20, 2025  
**Where:** Parish Office – Pieta Room  
**For additional info please contact:**  
 Betsy Glosik-440-476-6269

*You are always welcome*



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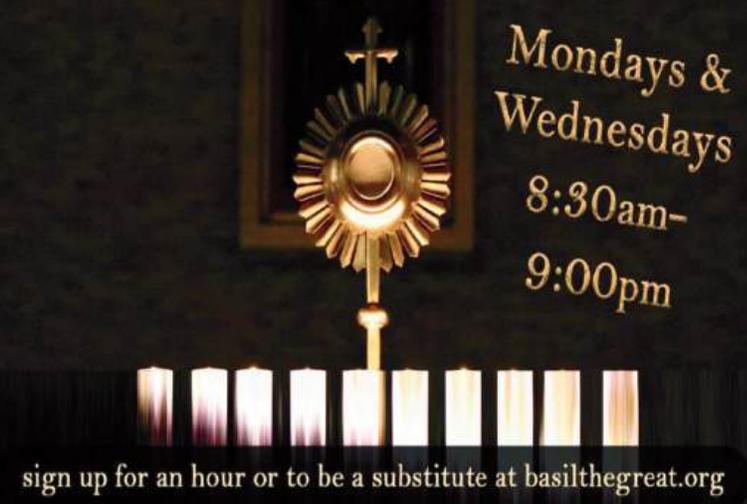
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sign up for an hour or to be a substitute at [basilthegreat.org](http://basilthegreat.org)



**Seeking an annulment?**

Terri Shawhan, D. Min., retired from the Diocesan Tribunal where she worked on Declarations of Invalidity of Marriage (annulments). She is available at the parish to work with parishioners who wish to petition for an annulment.

Please contact her at the parish office at: 440-526-1686.

This is a FREE service.

There are NO fees charged for annulments.

# Awaken Me



## St. Basil The Great

Christ Renews His Parish  
Women's Renewal

February 21st - 22nd

**Want a Meaningful Way to  
Serve God's People?**

Something you can do in your home, on your own time?

- Volunteer to prepare a meal for 10-15 women just four times a year for RAHAB ministries

*"A meal consists of simple main dish (casserole, chili, pasta, etc), homecooked or store-bought frozen, side dish and dessert*

- Deliver your meal on your designated Monday to the St. Basil parking lot
  - Your dinner will be taken to a RAHAB Ministries' Drop-In Home

St. Basil parish has participated in this important work for years.

Now we need more cooks! Please consider giving of your time.

RAHAB Ministries provides Christ-centered transformational services to those directly affected by sex-trafficking. Learn more about RAHAB Ministries at [www.rahab-ministries.org](http://www.rahab-ministries.org).

Contact Kathy Lazar at 440-223-0712 or [Kathy.pittak.lazar@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.pittak.lazar@gmail.com).

*Social Concerns Commission Living the Gospel*

Prayer Request

*Please pray for Laura M. Marks*



## Protecting God's Children

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The Diocese of Cleveland's  
"Protecting God's Children"

program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at: 216-334-2999 or via email at: [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).



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Contact: Amy Hudak at: (440) 590-2522 with any questions.

## In Loving Memory



**GARY OSTRY**  
Father of Justin  
November 9, 2025



**DOROTHY SZUBSKI**  
Mother of Grace Szubski &  
Diane Duryea  
November 12, 2025



**DR. JOSEPH PARADISE**  
Father of: Rebecca Lim,  
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and David Paradise  
November 13, 2025

*We remember all of our deceased loved ones.  
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How often we doubt. Doubt is one of the key tools the devil uses in his bag of trickery. When doubt creeps in, it creates a small crack—an opening for the evil one to enter. I see this often among couples who are struggling in their marriages. Trust, one of the main pillars of any relationship, becomes shaken and distorted when doubt takes hold. Faith and trust cannot be separated; where faith falters, trust weakens as well. In this week's Gospel, we see the bystanders questioning Jesus—who He is, His intentions, His identity, even His divinity. They seek to understand something that can only be known through faith. We were not made for this world, and divine understanding is impossible without trust and faith in God. It is only through Him that true understanding comes. The man who needed no sign but simply placed his faith in Jesus was the one who was saved: "You will be with me today in paradise." He asked for nothing more than for Jesus to remember him. In that humble request, he professed his faith in Christ as the Son of God. Trust in relationships often comes down to a simple question: Can I rely on you? One man beside Jesus condemned Him, while the other relied on Him *completely*. When trust is broken between couples, it's as though a window has been left cracked open—*leaving the home vulnerable to outside influences that can separate us from Christ, and ultimately from one another*. As trust erodes, we begin to demand proof of love where we once rested securely in it: "If you loved me, you would..." Men and women are different—and for good reason. In many ways, these differences are how the sacrament of marriage purifies and sanctifies us together. But it can be easy to lose sight of that. We begin to see the very differences we once cherished as problems to be solved. When we return to faith and trust—both in God and in one another—we begin to see more clearly. Love, after all, was never meant to be proven; it was meant to be lived.

*-Nicole Melchi, IMFT, LPCC-S, CGT, Sacred Heart Counseling Team*



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